

Project Overview

As of May 1, 2013



Rich and Town streets Corridor Enhancement

Mayor Michael B. Coleman identified the need for the city of Columbus to lift up and restore Franklinton, the City's birthplace, in his 2011 State of the City address. Several City departments are progressing with their plans for revitalizing the historic neighborhood. Part of the initiative is the **East Franklinton Plan**, which calls for changing sections of Rich and Town streets to two-way traffic and adding urban design features to both streets.

The Department of Public Service will implement one part of the East Franklinton Plan, the **Rich and Town streets Corridor Enhancement**, in February 2013. In preparation for converting Rich and Town to two-way traffic in the second half of 2013, traffic signals will change to 24-hour-a-day flashing mode for six months and Stop signs will be added on cross streets to Rich and Town at:

Gift Street & Rich Street
Grubb Street & Town Street

McDowell Street & Rich Street
McDowell Street & Town Street

Why are these changes necessary?

The city of Columbus is responsible for maintaining safe roadways and traffic signals. When old traffic signals are considered for upgrading or replacement:

- The City is required to conduct studies to determine whether the traffic signals still meet federal requirements to be installed
- Under federal regulations, signals that no longer meet federal requirements must be removed and replaced with Stop signs where appropriate

Federal and state funds cannot be used to upgrade or replace signals that do not meet federal requirements for installation.

The criteria used to determine if a traffic signal remains include:

- Vehicular accidents
- Speed of vehicles
- Signal timing and spacing
- Pedestrian usage
- Signage
- Speed limits
- Peak-hour vehicle counts, primarily morning and evening rush hours
- School zones, and more.

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MICHAEL B. COLEMAN, MAYOR

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- City of Columbus' consulting engineers performed studies at the intersections on page 1, and the data collected showed that the signals no longer meet federal requirements
- Signals at those intersections will now go to flashing mode 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for six months while additional studies are conducted
- Additional signs, example shown on page 1, will be hung next to signals to indicate they are under study for removal
- If intersections operate satisfactorily at the end of six months, signals will be removed in 2013

Schedule – subject to change and weather conditions:

February 2013: Convert unwarranted traffic signals to flashing mode and add Stop signs

June 2013-Signal will be removed

August 2013: Remove unwarranted signals

July - November 2013: Convert Rich and Town streets to two-way traffic between Grubb and Belle streets

Cost:

No additional cost beyond City of Columbus staff.

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